Birmingham Vasculitis Activity Score (version 3)

Patient ID: **Date of birth:**

Total score:

Assessor: **Date of assessment**

Tick an item **only** if attributable to active vasculitis. If there are no abnormalities in a section, please tick 'None' for that organ-system.

If **all** abnormalities are due to persistent disease (active vasculitis which is not new/worse in the prior 4 weeks), tick the **PERSISTENT** box at the bottom right corner

Is this the patient's first assessment? **Yes** ○ **No** ○

	None	Active disease
1. General	○	
Myalgia		○
Arthralgia / arthritis		○
Fever ≥38° C		○
Weight loss ≥2 kg		○
2. Cutaneous	○	
Infarct		○
Purpura		○
Ulcer		○
Gangrene		○
Other skin vasculitis		○
3. Mucous membranes / eyes	○	
Mouth ulcers		○
Genital ulcers		○
Adnexal inflammation		○
Significant proptosis		○
Scleritis / Episcleritis		○
Conjunctivitis / Blepharitis / Keratitis		○
Blurred vision		○
Sudden visual loss		○
Uveitis		○
Retinal changes (vasculitis / thrombosis / exudate / haemorrhage)		○
4. ENT	○	
Bloody nasal discharge / crusts / ulcers / granulomata		○
Paranasal sinus involvement		○
Subglottic stenosis		○
Conductive hearing loss		○
Sensorineural hearing loss		○
5. Chest	○	
Wheeze		○
Nodules or cavities		○
Pleural effusion / pleurisy		○
Infiltrate		○
Endobronchial involvement		○
Massive haemoptysis / alveolar haemorrhage		○
Respiratory failure		○

	None	Active disease
6. Cardiovascular	○	
Loss of pulses		○
Valvular heart disease		○
Pericarditis		○
Ischaemic cardiac pain		○
Cardiomyopathy		○
Congestive cardiac failure		○
7. Abdominal	○	
Peritonitis		○
Bloody diarrhoea		○
Ischaemic abdominal pain		○
8. Renal	○	
Hypertension		○
Proteinuria >1+		○
Haematuria ≥10 RBCs/hpf		○
Serum creatinine 125-249 µmol/L*		○
Serum creatinine 250-499 µmol/L*		○
Serum creatinine ≥500 µmol/L*		○
Rise in serum creatinine >30% or fall in creatinine clearance >25%		○
***Can only be scored on the first assessment**		
9. Nervous system	○	
Headache		○
Meningitis		○
Organic confusion		○
Seizures (not hypertensive)		○
Cerebrovascular accident		○
Spinal cord lesion		○
Cranial nerve palsy		○
Sensory peripheral neuropathy		○
Mononeuritis multiplex		○
10. Other	○	
a.		○
b.		○
c.		○
d.		○
PERSISTENT DISEASE ONLY: (Tick here if **all** the abnormalities are due to persistent disease)		☐

References:

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